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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RCE 1773/1#
PATENT APPLICATION
US 990172 #13
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In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:
Inventor(s): KITAGAWA et al.
Appn. No.: 09 662,937
Series Code ↑ Serial No. ↑

Group Art Unit 1773
Examiner: N. UHLIR
Atty. Dkt. P 273286
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Client Ref

Filed: September 15, 2000
Title: BRIGHT SURFACE STRUCTURE AND A
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed April 30, 2003
2. ☐ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA
☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of ___ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of April 30, 2003 to cover (1 mo) \$110/\$55
the date this Request is filed. PLEASE CHARGE the requisite fee to our (2 mos) \$410/\$205 + 110
Deposit Account (see below) (3 mos) \$930/\$465
8. PLEASE CHARGE the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$750 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$375 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 8378 / 273286

NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!
NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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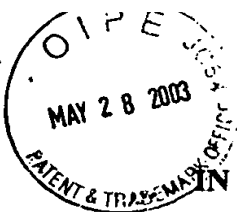
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A surface structure formed on an aluminum wheel for an automobile, said structure comprising:
 - (a) a resin film coated on said aluminum wheel; and
 - (b) a thin metal film formed on said resin film, wherein said thin metal film is made from a titanium-aluminum alloy containing 20-50% by weight of titanium and 80-50% by weight of aluminum, said thin metal film having a homogenous composition throughout a whole thickness of said thin metal film and having a color similar to pure chrome.

2. (Original) A structure according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - (c) a clear protective film coated on said thin metal film.
3. (Twice Amended) A surface structure formed on an aluminum wheel for an automobile, said structure comprising:
 - (a) a resin film coated on said aluminum wheel;

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